how many would recall and one in life's short span tempted them to fall. as always tempted man; beware the tempter's power, behalice never drain, ight, unguarded hour, ive a sting of endless pain ZRoland. o. Nov. 28, 1859.

## LETTER PROM OBADIAH.

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This point was formerly the cenge Indian settlement, and is in of a very good body of lands. One res or on the shares -- they have at or to sell (on time) and many to leave the State. I have no on where any plowing had

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Choctaw county is also represented as in We furthermore deem it proper to state

he Legislature imposing a tax of 25 cents | Advertiser.

THE WEETLY CLARION.

JACKSON, MISSISSIN, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1870.

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SENATE.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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OBADIAH. Republican Press Association.

The editors and others connected with the Republican Press, of Mississippi, assembled in this city yesterday, and took the preliminary steps towards forming a Republican Press Association. Draft of Constitution and By-Laws were presented by a commit-tee, and after consideration by the meeting, were recommitted to the committee with in-structions to report on the 2nd day after the re-assembling of the Legislature under the Constitution of the Legislature under the Constitution of the State. We were present at the meeting, and since its adjournment have reflected more calmiy on its objects, and have come to the conclusion to make a suggestion or two, First Why call it the REPUBLICAN Press Association? Why not oin, or invite the present Press Associa-tion of the State to unite with us, with a view to better acquaintance and more perfeet understanding among the whole memership of the press of the State? We dislike such exclusiveness, and the very thing which the Republican press of the State has complained of in the opposing press, it now stated that the Lieutenant Governor had complained of in the opposing press, it now adopts, and proposes to perpetuate, viz: partisan exclusiveness. We attended the late meeting of the Press Association of the State at Canton, and was not only well received, but profited by coming in contact with gentlemen of different political views. It occurs to us that if we ever expect to have eace and good will exist in the State, we

> -State Register. The Philadelphia Age on Mississippi Affairs.

must cultivate a more intimate social rela-

tionship with men who can have but a com-

and the welfare and prosperity of the people.

General Alcorn, Governor elect of Mississippi, refuses to accept the Provisional Gov-ernorship tendered him by General Ames, the Gessler of that section of the Republic. That leaves affairs in the following muddle: There are no regular State officers in Mis-sissippi; Ames runs the whole government dimself; he is Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, and everything else .-Even this does not satisfy him; he wants to be United States Senator from Mississippi, and in order to reach that position is willing to use the whole power placed in his hands for partisan purposes. He would appoint General Alcorn Provisional Governor and then expect him to bend the stream of State patronage in such a direction as to float the commander into the Senate of the United States, in opposition to the will of the people. That is Ames' "little game."-But he may not win. Alcorn, it seems does e of 'Couparle City,' in hon-ler, Dr. Leroy J. Couparle, M. ry pretender. Elected Governor of a State This new candidate for "city honors" of a million population, he declines to subiccessible as was the Grotto ordinate that substantial honor to the conon—the citizens of the piace having in developing their town as ank of opening a good road to it. There stores are doing business here in the people by placing it on a level with the authority of Ames. There have been ree stores are doing business here authority of Ames. There have been of the timbers are upon the enough outrages committed upon the people r two or three more, besides other of Mississippi by military despots. We hope including a huge edifice, 200 feet they will not have to bear the additional inand so feet in width, for the exbad specimen of this bad class.

+40++ in a wilderness, miles from Decision of Attorney General Hoar that the Legislature of Virginia may elect U. S. Senators previous to Admission of the State.

> ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, ) Washington, Sept. 25, 1869.

Sin: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, as actually got his floor referring to me for my opinion, a letter the drawers in the desks. Gen. Canby, dated Sept. 24, 1860, which asks whether the Legislature of Virginia ing of the House. Lost. t tell the half that the un; is authorized to elect Senators of the United States at the session which commences | the Senate proceed to the election of a reon the fifth of next month, and desires porter of the Senate. Laid on the table. that that question muy be submitted to a recess until I o'clock. Carried. a single man, a graduate of the Attorney General for his opinion.

The general views which I entertain of the functions of the Legislature of Virginia elected in pursuance of the act wonderful genius, who, by of Congress of April 10, 1869, have been already fully indicated in an opinion transmitted to the Secretary of War, un-

der date of August 28, 1869. I came to the conclusion that the members of the Legislature were not required to take the oath referred to in section nine of the statute of July 17, 1867, in order women, and while all deplore the to qualify them to act as such membersergy and recuperation in their that it was competent under, the law for Clerk to serve at the pleasure of the Senate. y hold on most tenaciously to the the Legislature to meet, organize and do carthage I wended my way to Ed- whatever was required or allowed by the Hooper's, 15 miles north-east of acts of Congress as preliminary to the ate. reconstruction of the State; but that it was not competent for them to undertake to enact laws or otherwise to assume any country over which I had al- of the functions of the government of the ed, I found here also, the agricul- State if organized without taking the oath | door keeper. A resolution to elect a Chapabove referred to; or if any of the mem- lain from the Senate was offered. A resolu bers could not, or did not, take that oath Clergy at large to officiate. Amendmen ers are having a great deal of upon a careful consideration I am now of was adopted and resolution carried. voting on the fourteenth and fifteenth at-Arms for Senate. Pending discussion pinion that the election of Senators, like amendments to the Constitution of the of ever seeing so little work United States, is a part of the action contemplated by Congress as preliminary to a restoration of the State to its full relations to the Government of the United States as one of the States of the Union. while this was the case, I The Senators thus elected would have no power or authority until the Senate of the staple, and found most all gins run-till. Certainly a very lamentable state dirs, and which must have entailed the validity of their action and admitted the validity of their action and admitted ed by the new Constitution of Mississippi. ousands of dollars of cotton to the them as members of that body. Under and then proceed to the election of its offi the act of April 10, 1869, the election of eers. members of the House of Representa-Attala-the geographical centre of tives was permitted and has taken place, if the most business inland town and when Congress come to act upon the Lowndes, was called to the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Wood, of Yazoo, Judge whole question of the reconstruction of the N. O. J. & G. N. Railroad and Canton, (to be subsequently extensive and Canton), to make it bloom and like the Rose of Sharon. Although the national legislature should present subscribing to the oath, which was accordingly done—all present subscribe and the oath, which was accordingly done—all present subscribe and the oath, which was accordingly done—all present subscribe an

seats in the respective houses. The election of Senators does not seem -and about as many moving in to me to transcend the action which comes within the limited and qualified purposes destion; the freedmen are gener- requisite to reconstruction, but rather to W. Ben Cunningham, of Madison were ng with their former employers be essential to the completeness of that placed in nomination. the same terms as last year .- action, and I think that the military comfreedmen in Attals have done mander should not interfere or prevent lot resulting as follows: Very respectfully,

E. R. HOAR, Attorney General.

"The Orphan's Home Lottery. Whereas there is in active operation in the city of Columbus, State of Mississippi, atenterprising and energetic. French | Lottery under the assumed name of and style tenterprising and energetic. French was named from an Indian legend of French expedition camping there in st century, and Chatcaubriand, the French writer, the author of the beautory of Atala and Chacta," is said to sussed a night here. It was from this that the counties of Attala and Chocceletel their names, and I believe, the ceived their names, and I believe, the courselor D. Royalthen a Representation of "The Orrhan's Home Lottery under the assumed had believe that whereas, we have reason to believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the assumed had believe that whereas, we have reason to believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the assumed had believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the assumed had believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the assumed had believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the assumed had believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the assumed had believe that some are induced to patronize this Lottery under the mistaken impression that it is sanctioned by the said Home; we, the Directors and Trustees of said Orphan's Home located at Lauderdale Springs, deem it due to our good name, and due to the cause of righteousness, to inform the public and the properties of the countries of the patronize that the patronize that the countries of the patronize that the we in the Legislature and father of the friends of the Home generally that we have

on. Rasselas Boyd, present Representative om Attala, has the honor of naming them. Choetaw county is also represented as in itsulation, to some extent, about the labor nection; a considerable immigration is setting in, however, from South Carolina and her States, and her fertile lands will not be pt to remain untilled, for she has a good orking population outside of the freedmen hoctaw is sadly in need of railroad acilies, and I hope her Representatives will be under ready to lend their aid to the Legislaton necessary to complete the railroad beween Canton and Aberdeen.

In conclusion, while the Agricultural intests of central Mississippi are certainly at behind what they ought to be now, a leive that all differences will be arranged and markers be in proper trim in a short me, a greater amount of improved agricularlar machinery and fertilizers will be used its year than ever known before in that art of the State, and more attention given a full crop of corn.

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WEDNESDAY, January 12th, 1870. Met pursuant to adjournment; Senator Hancock in the chaiar; twenty-four Sen-

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Revels.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.
Senator Shoup, of Lafayette, moved an adjournment until 10 o'clock to-morrow in order to obtain time to consult with the Atterney Contains. torney General in regard to the oath taken yesterday. He deemed it imperfect in its nature and thought it should be more ex-

terdsy read and approved.

Senator Warner offered a resolution that expressed his willingness to preside if called

Senator Paine offered an addition to the resolution that a committee of three be ap-pointed to wait on the Lieutenant Governor and escort him to his seat. The resolution was carried, and Senators Warner, Payne and Mygatt, being appointed on the com-mittee, waited on Lieutenant Governor Powers and escorted him to his seat. Senamon object-the best interests of the State, | tor Paine introduced the President to the The oath of office was administered by

Judge Peyton.
The President stated that he took his seat out of respect to the wishes of the members of the Senate. He preferred to wait until the State was admitted.

Senator Morgan offered a resolution that the Sanators should qualify-carried; and the following oath was administered by You do solemnly swear that you will

faithfully support, and true allegiance bear to the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and obey the laws thereof; that you are not disqualified from holding office by the Con-stitution of the United States or of the State of Mississippi, and that you will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which tatives to Mrs. Scott Siddons for her ecyou are about to enter to the best of your ability. So help you God.

A motion to appoint a committee of five on credentials was lost. Mr. Morgan offered a resolution that the

Senate now proceed to the election of a permanent Secretary.

Mr. Gibbs offered as an amendment that the President should appoint a temporary Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper, and to allow on the floor of the Senate color the Constitutional Convention of the Senate color than the same has been removed, therefore be it Resolved, That a committee of the beautiful to the same has been removed, therefore be it Resolved, That a committee of the permanent Secretary.

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State Officers, Members of Congress, Members of House of Representatives, Judges of
Mr. Jacobs (colored) offered a resultion

Murray Peyton was sworn in as Secretary. The President appointed C. B. Young, of Pike, as Sergeant-at-Arms, and John Pat- be left to a comittee of five. Lost. n. Doorkeeper; both were sworn in. Senator Morgan introduced a resolution that the Secretary be instructed to inform with the Lieutenant Governor in the and Murray Peyton, as Secretary, add was Mr. Stiles moved that Mr. John Toudlikeready to proceed to business. After some discussion the resolution was

idopted. On motion of Mr. Shoup the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to have locks put on tion of a Sergeant-at-Arms for the House

Shoup moved a recess until the meet-Senator Warner offered a resolution that Senator Shoup renewed his motion to take

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Quorum present. Mr Gibbs offered a resolution ratifying the 15th Amenement. Mr. Morgan claimed the resolution out Mr. Gibbs withdrew the motion, and gave

notice that he would introduce the same to-Mr. Morgan moved a recess of one hour.

Amended by Mr. Gibbs, to adjourn to regular hour to-morrow.

Motion for recess lost. Resolution by Senator from Holmes. Reolved that the President appoint a Reading

Mr. Gibbs called up the resolution in reference to election of Reporters of the Sen-

John Tovall elected. Voted that two assistants be appointed by Mr. M. A. C. Hussy was elected engross-ing clerk; Mr. Little was elected permanent tion was offered to amend by inviting the Resolution was offered to elect Sergeant

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Senate adjourned to regular hour to-mor-

THURSDAY, January 12. House met at 12 o'clock-Mr. Chandler in the Chair. Mr. Parker, of Amite, offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Housedo now proceed

Upon the adoption of this resolution, Mr. Chandler retired from the Chair. On motion of Mr. Clark, Mr. Boulden.

themselves, and be ready for admission to of Latayette; Mr. Wood, of Pontotoc; and

Mr. Nabors, of Lee.

The House proceeded to the election of permanent Speaker—Messrs. Parker, Hodges, and Foster, being appointed tellers.

Mr. F. E. Franklin, of Yazoo, and Mr. The roll of counties was then called, an the members came forward to vote-the bal-

Mr. Franklin received,
Mr. Cunningham,
Mr. Niles, Mr. Franklin was declared elected, and on notion of Mr. Cunningham, the election was On motion of Mr. Clark, a committee of

two was appointed to notify Mr. Franklin Mr. Franklin was thereupon presented and entered on the duties of Speaker. Mr. Robert J. Alcorn was elected Clerk of the House-receiving 47 votes ; Mr. Little, o Monroe, 41; Scattering 4. Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, January 14, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Carroll.
Poll called, quorum present.
Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
Mr. Gray offered a resolution, that the nembers proceed to draw for seats and that he Sergeant-at-arms be directed to have

elect and ascertain at what hos-morrow elect and ascertain at what hos-morrow Yeas and nays being called for, on motion it will be his pleasure to presemself for of Mr. Gibbs was carried by the following

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On motion of Mr. Gibbs, tesolution

was laid on the table.

Mr. Gibbs offered a resolutionat a committee of three be appointed that rules for the guidance of the Senate, arried. Mr. Gray offered a resolutionat a reading clerk be appointed. Carrier
The chair appointed as exhittee on Rules, the Senators from Wilkson, Lafayette and Madison.

Committee to wait on Goveor, Senators Warner, Pierce and Paine. Motion to adjourn lost.

Mr. Morgan offered a resolion similar of the one which was offered him and tabled in the early part of theay's pro-

eeedings.
Ruled out of order. Motion to adjourn until 11 clock tomorrow.
Amended to three o'clock. Amendment lost, and origin motion

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATVES

FRIDAY, January 4th, 18%. The House met pursuant to ajournment. Prayer by Mr. Williams of Himes. oll called-99 members present. Journa of yesterday read, and after makin some orrections, was approved. Leave of absence granted to Ir. Mayon colored) from day to day, and o Mr. il-

Mr. Boullen, (colored) of Lownles, meed that the motion to let the Hall of Represe-Mr. Landon offered the followd redu-

Whereas, The Executive Manson iin a dilapidated condition, and the furtitve of

Constitutional Convention of 1868 overn

stitute on the table. Carried. Mr. Stone moved that the whole object The previous motion of Mr. Jacob(colered) was then carried. the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Clarke moved that the celergy this House that the Senate was organized, city be invited to officiate at the oping

chair, of morning sessions. Carried. porter for the Senate, be authorized to procure a competent phonographic reporter fothis House, Lost.

Mr. Stone moved to proceed to the elec-

Carried. Landon and H. M. Foley as tellers The ballot resulted as follows: S. J. Ireland ..... J. M. Brazeel .....

C. B. Youn W. Hicks. B. Young.... W. S. Freeman

B. B. Eggleston
Mr. Davis moved that the election of Mr Ireland be declared unanimous. tarried. The clerk then read a communation from M. Emanuel, President of the Vicksburg & Meridian Railroad, enclosig free passes to all the members, over sal road, and also one from the President of te Miss. Central Railroad, stating that the mmbers can get passes over said road by eding at the Banking House of Messrs. J. & TGreen Mr. Boullen (colored) moved to render thanks to the President and Direcors of the Vicksburg and Meridian and th Miss. tute Central Railroads for their kindnes Car- M

Mr. Clark offered a resolution to the effect that a committee of five from the Hose, and three from the Senate, be appointed wait on his Excellency, Adelbert Ames, 'rovis-ional Governor of Mississippi, and aform him that the Legislature is now oranized and ready to receive any communication he

may have to make. Carried. A similar resolution was receive from the Senate, whereupon the Chair apointed the following committee on the par of the House of Representatives: C. D. Landon, of Warren; Jason Mes, of

Attala; B. Harrington, of Coahoms J. F. Boullen, (colored) of Lowndes; A. 'arker, The Committee on the Funeral obequies, of Mr. C. A. Yancey, of Panola, beig now ready to report, their report was rea. On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the House, out of resect for the deceased, adjourned till 12 o'clek, to-

SENATE.

morrow.

JACKSON, Jn. 15. Shoup, Stone, Stringer, (colored) Sillivan, and Warner-24 present.

The following named gentlemen were ab-Messrs, Bennett, Dowd, Little Nygatt, Packer, Payne, Seal, Smith and Strickland.

Mr. Gibbs, of Wilkinson, presented the

To the President and members of the Sen-ate of the State of Mississippi:

I have the honor to call the attetion of your honorable body to the enclose copy of notice of contest, Served on HonT. W. Castles, now representing the ninteenth district in your honorable body, an to re-quest that some immediate action be taken

Very respectfully your ob'serv't. JOSEPH MCBIDE Notice to T. W. Castles, T. P. Coner and

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPL! CHOCTAW COUNT. Mesers. T. W. Castles, T. P. Connr and

Mr. Warner suggested the priety of notifying the Provisional Gover that the Senate was organized and wig to hear from him.

Mr. Morgan was prepared this emer-

Nays—Messrs. Abbot, Castles, Leachman, Little, Morgan, Revels, (colored) and String-er (colored)—7

was laid on the labe.

Mr. Warner offered a resolu that a joint committee of three on part the Senate (the House context and the 14th Amendment.

Before putting the question the President appointed Wm. Howard and Wm. Parker as pages.

Motion to adjourn carried.

SENATE.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; Senator Manager in the clark and proving an adjournment context in the clark and proving an adjournment lost.

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of Mr. Shoup's resolution until next Tues-Mr. Mygatt offered as an amendment the Mr. Morgan on point of order claimed the motion as a substitute, not an amendment. The Chair decided point not well taken. Mr .Revels (colored) thought it correct that notice of the resolution should be given and bjected to postponement.

with attention before new business was attended to, and moved the postponement

Mr. Gibbs moved the whole matter be lail on the table.

Mr. Morgan called for the yeas nays.

After considerable discussion in regard to reason. the manner of calling for the yeas and nays, the vote was taken and stood, yeas-22, nays

Mr. Gray called up his resolution, which was decided out of order.

Mr. Shoup's resolution was called up. Mr. Morgan asked if the committee would pay their own expenses or would they be paid out of the Treasury.

Message was received from Provisional Governor elect containing the 14th and 15th

mendments.

Shoup moved to refer to a committee. Mr. Morgan moved as a substitute that ing the laterests of my fellow-citizens of the the message be considered. Carried as amended. Mr. Shoup requested permission to with-draw his resolution. Granted. The oath of office was administered to the

official reporter of the Senate, door keeper. md engrossing clerk.
Mr. Morgan moved the adoption of the 14th amendments. Mr. Shoup renewed his motion that the message be referred to a committee of five. Recess was then taken for half an hour. After recess Senate met and adjourned till

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Shoup moved that the Senate proceed to elect two United States Senators. The chair decided that the Senate should be governed in their proceedings by parlia-

bers of House of Representatives. Judges of High Court and Members of the Press.
On the election of Secretary only three candidates were announced. On the first ballot the whole number of votes cast was 30,—necessary for choice 16, Murray Peyton had 16, A. Pollard 13, A. L. Gurney 1.

Mr. Moore (colored) offered a resution that the House adopt and abide 1 the rules laid down in Jefferson's Manu.

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Mr. House ad The 15th amendment was carried unani-

> On the question of electing two United States Senators the discussion was lively and protracted. Numerous points of order were raised but no definite result arrived at Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock, Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, Jan. 15th, 1870. The House met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called Rev. W. H. Roane, of Pike. read and approved bers present. Minut-

Mr. S. J. Ireland, (colored) Sergeant-at-Arms appeared, and being duly sworn in, entered upon the dicharge of his duties.

The committee, appointed on behalf of the House, to wait on Adelbert Ames, Provisional Governor of Mississippi, presented their report which was read and received, and the committee discharged. and the committee discharged.

A communication from the Provisional Governor was then read and received.

Mr. Parker offered a resolution that the articles of amendment known as the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of to investigate the cause of the terrible the United State, shall, with the concurrence | mystery. of the Senate, be now adopted.

Mr. Hemingway offered a lengthy substi-

Mr. Spelman (colored) moved to table, and the yeas and nays being called for the substi-tute was tabled by the following vote: Yeas-69, Nays-24. Mr. Roane, of Pike, moved to refer the hole subject to a committee of five with instructions to report at 3½ o'clock, P. M. Mr. Parker moved to table. Carried.

Mr. Stiles moved the previous question. Mr. Niles asked that the previous question—the resolution of Mr. Parker—be Mr. Stiles insisted on previous question being put. Carried.

- called for a division of the resolution, and that the 14th amendment be read first. Carried.

The 14th amendment was then read. The yeas and nays on the adoption of the 14th amendment being called for, resulted as follows:

Yeas-87, Nays-6. The 14th amendment was adopted.

The 15th amendment to the Constitution of the United States was then read, and the yeas and nays being called for, resulted as

Yeas-93, Nays-1 Mr. Cunningham rose to a privileged Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Revels (clored.)
The roll being called, the followin members answered to their names:

"Mr. President, Messrs. Abbott, iallard, Caldwell, (colored) Castles, Duncar Gartman, Gibbs, Gleed, Gray, Hardy, Hucock, Johnson, Leachman, Miles, Milsap, Morgan, Pierce, Revels, (colored) Rishing.

Mr. Cunningham rose to a privileged question, and spoke of an American flag which would be presented to the House of Representatives by General B.B. Eggleston; said flag having been made during the war by three Union ladies of Macon. Ga., and being the identical flag that was first raised at the capture of Atlanta, Ga., by the Fedgran, Pierce, Revels, (colored) Sellivan. eral troops.

The flag being presented, was spread upon

the Speaker's stand by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and greeted with great applause. Mr. French offered a resolution that the House now proceed to the election of two United States Senators, and that the one for the long term be elected first.

Mr. Niles moved to postpone the election of United States Senators until Congress Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Gray offered the following:

Resolved. That we adopt Jefferson Manual for our rule and guide until w have

Mr. Niles moved to postpone the election of United States Senators until Congress shall take action on the proceedings of this body, and he also offered a resolution of the proceedings of the control of the control

tion as a substitute that (Senate concur-ing) when the House adjourn, it do so till such time as Congress shall have taken action on the admission of the State and the proceedings of this body.

Mr. Lynch (colored) objected in a few

resulted as follows: Ayes 57, noes 35.

The substitute was laid on the table.

Mr. Spelman (colored) moved the pre-House adjourned!

ARTERNOON SESSION.

We publish, as a matter of record, the letter of Gen. Alcorn declining the office of Provisional Governor. There is much in this letter to commend, but the compliment to the military satraps addressed will provoke the reader's smile, and prompt the charitable suggestion that Gen. Alcorn intended them as a "joak." The "soldierly obedience" and "impatience to withdraw" are very fine hits, and should be inserted in the next ency-

FRIAR'S POINT, MISS., Jan. 7, 1870. GENERAL :- I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication enclosing me a commission as Provisional Governor of Mississippi. My failure to have acknowledged the previous letter, in which you informed me of your intention to send me the commission, has arisen from the fact of my absence from home.

Your soldierly obedience to orders has placed you before the people of Mississippi in a position which has exposed you to their anger. The injustice which they have done you in a paroxism of passion, they will, I am convinced, right before long at the billing of their solver, second thought. to send me the commission, has arisen from at the biding of their sober, second thought. While the impatience with which you seek to withdraw from a position so thankless is very natural, I take leave to assure it by suggesting that in the rapidly improving temper of the public mind, you may expect before long a reversal of its cruelly, unjust judgment of you, at the command of its

I regret, General, that I do not feel at liberty to accept the commission whith you do me the honor of placing in my hands. Coming from the military authority, and subject for its support to the military power, the fitness of things appears to me to forbid my acceptance of it while I hold in immediate acceptance of it while I hold in immediate members as having held office, or engaged in many subject to during the substantial facts attending this unhappy occurrence, and will briefly relate them for the benefit members as having held office, or engaged of our readers. It will be remembered that that sanction most acceptable to my instincts as an American citizen—that of popular choice. Inasmuch as I have trampled upon many prejudices of my education, to arrive at the conclusions of sound policy in promoting the interests of my full district and some considered as not being ago, which resulted in the killing and able to qualify. Benj. Conley was wounding of several negroes, and since State in the question of reconstruction, I may, perhaps, be indulged in the frank confession that, under the fellowship of error and chastisement by which I am bound to the Southern people, I am constrained by an irresistable force of my heart to draw back from lot or part in their government by any other right than that of their own consent. My people, I grant you, are very passionate. But they are, nevertheless, thoroughly right-hearted. The honesty which underlies their hasty judgments will do you justice in the end. Bear, therefore, a little longer with their passionate unfairness in the evenness of temper and the good conscience that have distinguished your administration of their affairs. While regretting sincerely that they do you, and their own better nature, injustice. I must decline, as I do here with sincere thanks, the honor you would do me. as a duty to the analogies of my public life. and sympathics of my heart. Believe me, General, to be, with sincere respect and sympathy.

Very faithfully yours, J. L. ALCORN. morrow at noon. Gen. AMES, Cor Fourth Military Dstrict.

From the Memphis Ledger, of the 11th. Gen. Richardson's Assassination. MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR-THE FUNERAL IN

THIS CITY.

The remains of Gen. R. V. Richardson, of this city, arrived yesterday morning, and the funeral took place in the afternoon at Elmwood, from Holst's, on Main street. He Roll called a combers present. Minutered and approved.

Leave of absence the deceased was traveling in the combet thority to combe a projected railroad. He was staying for the night at a tavera. About ten o'clock at night he remarked that he wanted a drink of ed States. water, and stepped outside of the door to a pail of water on the porch, and was instant ly shot and killed by some one wito fired a shot gun loaded with buck-shot, who was concealed behind a wagon is the yard. No cause was or is known for the diabolical Gen. Richardson was a lawyer by profession. During the war he raised a brigade and joined Forrest's command. He

MINSINSIPPI. The Vicksburg Herald of the 12th says: Rev. Father Leray, accompanied by three isters of Mercy, left yesterday for Pass Christian to open a school. We wish them every encouragement in their worthy and levoted enterprise

Eighty-one whites were buried in Columous, during the past year .- Ex. There is now no public conveyance be-tween Vicksburg and Delhi, Louisiana.— The railway will be finished by spring.

Natchez has a chain gang. In Marshall county, last year 355 marriage licenses were issued.—Reporter.

Mr. Theilgard, late of the Enterprise Star has commenced the publication of the Mis-sissippi Agriculturalist Meridian. The Holly Springs Conservative publishes the arrival at the principal hotel in that city. when the California operators are reinstated capturing several of those Republicans at the former salary, the difficulty ends, and who, like ourselves, dislike the assumpganized under its Charter, at Elyton, Ala., by the election of the following Board:
W. S. Sykes, G. T. Deason, Wm. B. Day,
S. H. Darden, W. L. Guin, G. A. Sykes, W.

W. Troup.

Maj. W. J. Sykes, President.
Jno. C. Moore, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. P. Jones, Attorney.—Meridian Mercu-

From the Holly Springs Commercial we take the following:
FOUND.—Near this office, a lock of bair

The Hinds County Gazette takes Rowell & Co., of New York, advertising agents, to task for publishing it as a Democratic paper. The Lasso.

scribes the favorite weapon of the prairie ranger-the lasso: These people of the campos are seldom Mr. Lynch (colored) objected in a few prize remarks.

These people of the campos are seldom prize, with State aid, which may be granted without walting for or asking assistance without walting for or asking assistance from the national government. Gen. Serponement.

Mr. Stiles and Mr. French spoke in favor they are armed with a lasso having three is to be the chief engineer of the new entermone. Mr. Stiles and Mr. French spoke in favor of electing United States Senators at once.
Mr. Boyd spoke in favor of postponement.
Mr. Spelman (colored) moved to table the tached to the main cord by three lesser manding the Nineteenth United States In-

in such a manner as to hamper it till they can come alongside. In the Span-ish South American countries men are Brown, an ex-Confederate General, was

ppi, showing when and where the several ourts are held, and how Judicial and Conressional districts are constituted, will be since 1836; and a full list of the Governors of Mississippi, from Winthrop Sargent in 1799, to date, will be found in the Reference Manual for sale at this office. Price, \$1 50.

**\$3 00 PER YEAR.** 

TELEGRAPH. VIRGINIA IN CONGRESS.

Georgia Legislature --- Exciting Scene. .... General News, Markets, Etc.

WASHINGTON, January 11 .- In the House, Farnsworth referring to the bill from the reconstruction committee for the admission of Virginia, said instructions were to allow a liberal latitude in every amendment and debates. Bingham offered his bill as a substitute. Both postponed till to-morrow. Indications point to considerate debate,-Cox will move to cancel all reconstruction

committee bills, making the action of Virginia irrevocable. Wood will move to strike out all after the Eldridge remarked, of the Virgina bill,

that they were abominable. Senate.—The Virginia question resumed.

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Motion to postpone defeated by 25 to 26.—

Votes against postponement—Carpenter,
Cassidy, Conkling, Corbett. Davis, Fenton.

Ferry, Hanian, Hamilton, Kellogg, McCreevy, McDonald, Norton, Robertson, Ross, Saulsbury, Sawyer, Scott, Steward, Stock-ton, Thurman, Vickers, Warren, Wiley, and

Discussion of the amendment to remand Virginia to her present condition in case of her retraction of assent to the 15th amendment, continued to adjournment. Georgia.

ATLANTA, GA. Jan. 11 .- Georgia senate convened at noon yesterday. Galliries crowded with both sexes. Desks of lafe Senators Adkins and Ayer were draped in mourning. The Hall is decorated with American flags. Provisional Governor Bullock's order convening Legislature, and Gen. Mead's order of June 6th, announcing county, day before yesterday, the 4th names of Senators elect were read, when inst., and will be buried in our cemetery in rebellion, and not yet relieved of disabil-lties by Congress, but amid applause from galleries were sworn in. About two memelected Speaker. In House Governor's proc-lamation and Gen. Meade's order read, also the opinion of the Attorney General as to the qualification of members. During the to apprehend him. He contrived to sucswearing in of members Mr. Bryant, ex-member and Post-Master at Augusta, intermember and Post-Master at Augusta, interrupted the proceedings, declaring the reading of the Attorney General's opinion an outrage and the acts of Congress illegal and revolutionary. Being called to order by the Speaker he refused, and the Speaker ordered his arrest by the Sergeaut-at-Arms, who was resisted by Bryant, whose friends clustered around him and several pistols were drawn, bloodshed being imminent. Bryant held the floor, protesting that he was himself elected Chairman; when a committee of three was appointed to wait on Gen. Terry and abtain his view as to the le-Gen. Terry and abtain his view as to the le- sion meeting Gilson, he had declared gality of the proceedings. Gen. Terry advised the organization of the House on the plan begun, when the proceedings went on House are considered disqualified. Both squad, as he wished to meet him first.

The Republicans hold a meeting to-night. sister and sister-in-law—to go into the It is supposed that the Democrats and Con-kitchen, he remaining in the room alone.

The city is crowded and there is much excitement. The Attorney-General's opinion house, leaving four of their number besis that any citizen having ever held office, hind. The Deputy called Gibson by civil, military or naval, previous to the re-bellion, cannot take the oath, but if he held no office, either State or National, previous Gibson went to the door with his sixto the rebellion, he can legally take the oath, shooter in hand-his shot gun was empty no matter what may have been his conduct and his rifle sent away for repairs—and a during the rebellion. He includes as officers all persons who may have held office he opened the door the Deputy raised his those either commissioned, non-commissioned, or selected, or appointed by public authority to carry out the provisions of any gaged in rebellion and gave aid or comfort through the body. The soldiers at the

The President will nominate Wm. Strong, of Penn., as Justice Grier's successor. He will not withdraw Hoar's nomination.

Finance Committee reported a bill as a substitute for all finance bills, providing for issuing forty-five million additional banking currency in place of an equal amount of 3 per cent. certificates to be retired. Also for Guards, Ben Humphreys' company, at ree banking, on the basis of United States the commencement of the war, and was bonds to be deposited as security for the is-sue of coin notes only to the extent of 80 per Humphrey's became Colonel of the regi-Cent. of their par value.

Washington Jan. 11.—Senate—A bill was ment.

introduced giving State courts concurrent jurisdiction with United States District courts in cases of maratime contracts and forts on rivers above tide. Also passed bill that the port of entry of New Orleans is to The operators complain that the Associated Press will forward no statements but The Fifteenth Amendment in those emanating from the Western Union Melegraph Company, thus virtually shutting them off from communication with the South. They say the strike still continues throughout the North, East and West; that the men are as firm to-day as the first day the men are as firm to-day as the first day they struck, and determined to fight it out to the end. Not one operator of the Wes-Not one operator of the Western Union Telegraph in this city who was amendment to a vote of the people. He in the employ of the company the day of the pushed his bill at once to a second read-Union has tendered two hundred thousand dollars to support the telegraphers. The Labor Union throughout the country is making the telegraphers' cause their own.—
The Typographical Union in this city held could be dead a warmathy and finance of the country had been dead as well as a support that the country had been dead as a support to the country had been dead as a support to the country had been dead as a support to the country had been dead as a support to the country had been dead to the Committee on Federal Relations, of which he is himself a member. As the square issue on the ratification will show a difference of only one or two votes, this proposition of

all the strikers are prepared to go to work NEW YORK, Jan. 11 .- Thirty wholesale liquor establishments seized tor violation of government to let the people decide this revenue laws. Caldwell alleged leader draw back frauds coming from Canada under the extradition law. GALVESTON, Jan. 11.—The steamship Eu-terpe, hence for New York with 1000 bales of cotton and an assorted cargo, was burned

tied together by a pink ribbon. As it is fine and long we presume it is a lady's hair lost probably by some love-sick swain.—
Young man call and get your lock and no questions will be asked.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—Ice is running and the river is very low. Navigation is practically suspended. Weather cold.

Washington, Jan. 8.—It is stated that through the efforts of Congressman Roots, of Arkansas, arrangements have been concluded with New York capitalists whereby the work of taking down the west bank of the Mississippi to the mouth of the St. Francis. in Arkansas, will be immediately commend

ed and vigorously prosecuted to comple-A South American traveler thus de- tion. The plan is to build a railroad, the bed of which shall be a solid embankment, and thus secure assistance, by individual enter-

Major General Charles P. Smith, comesolution of Mr. Niles. thongs. One of these balls they grasp in fantry, has been appointed to succeed Gen.

Mr. Niles called for ayes and noes, which the hand, and swing the other two a few Mower at New Orleans. Gen. Ayres will discovery of a secret combination organsucceed Gen. Smith in the command of the times over the head to give them velocity Succeed Gen. Smith in the command of the Nineteenth Infantry at Little Rock. Gen. ized to secure the repudiation of this spelman (colored) moved the predestion.

moved to adjourn to 4 o clock p,

moved to adjourn to 5 o clock p,

moved to adjourn to 6 o clock p mammoth debt. It will not be a secret command in Texas. NASHVILLE, Jan. 10 .- The Constitutional

1799, to date, will be found in the Reference Paris, Jan. 11.—Rocheforts, of the Mar-not other Manual for sale at this office. Price, \$1 50. seilleise newspaper, attacked Prince Pierre currency.

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Bonaparte. Two editors of Marseilles visited Prince Pierre Bonaparte to arrange the duel. During the interview. Bonaparte becoming enraged, fired twice, killing Victor Noir. The tragedy causes great agitation. Bonaparte surrendered himself. Prince Bonaparte implicated in the recent tragedy, is Lucien Bonaparte's son by sec-ond wife.

Rochefort's paper, Marsellieise, has been Prince Bonaparte states that he received a slap in the face from Noir before tiring.

A decree has been larged convoking the Chambers. From High Court Instice no Prince belonging to the Emperor's family can only be tried before it.

Prince Bonaparte's version of the affair is that Touville and Victor Noircame to his residence with menning air and with hands in their pocket, and presented the lette of then said, "It is Rochefort and not his er tures that I seek." That he read the let and replied to Noir, having his hand on a pistol in his pocket. "Are you responsi" for it" I asked. At this I received a slap in the face from Noir, when I draw my revol-ver and fired at him. Tonville erouched behind a chair, and from the protection that afforded him aimed his revolver at me, but he could not get it to go off. I fired at him while he was in that position, when he ran out of the room. He stopped in next room and again turned his pistol toward me; I fired at him again and he fled.

London, Jan 8 .- A story has been extenively published on the continent lately to the effect that President Grant will soon visit the sovereigns of Europe and that he will make the Trans-Atlantic voyage, accompanied by a fleet of irou-clads,

Particulars of the Shocking Mur-der of Dr. Gibson.

From the Yazoo Banner.

Teenchery and Crucky of the Authorities.

THREE OF HIS SLAYERS (PROBABLY) MORTALLY WOUNDED.

The Calumet yesterday evening brought down the remains of Chally Tully Giberry who was killed at his house in Sunflower ances in Sunflower county some weeks

About nine of the members in the ever came for him, to come in front of his Houses adjourned and met to-day. On reassembling to-day a few members were sworn in and again adjourned to meet torected the ladies of his family-his wife, servative Republicans will have a majority The Deputy and two men dismounted at the gate and came to the door of the

gun to fire. Gibson then shot him any foreign government against the Unit- gate, in the meantime, opened fire on Gibson, one ball striking him in the head Capt, Gibson was a very clever and

> Since the above was written we learn that Mrs. Gibson did not leave the room, but remained with her busband, and her

ing, and had it referred to the Committee a meeting and tendered sympathy and finan-cial aid. A member of the league says Senator Campbell is a shrewed one for tion of so much power by the General Government. It is more like popular

> Public Bebt Statement Two Thousand Six Hundred Millions

Debt on which Interest

has ceased since maturity.

this morning in Galveston Bay. Vessel and Debt bearing interest in cargo a total loss, except 100 bales. \$2,107,939,100.00 4B.797,483 58 Debt bearing interest in lawful money, -59,540,000.00 interest. 1,120,900 (8)

> Interest. -544,000 00 Debt bearing no interest Demand and legal tender \$339.TIL098.50 notes Fractional currency 30.702,064.68 Certificates of gold deposited 40.170.380.00 #430.016.143.18

50,463,490 18 sented for payment - \$2.658,134,670 00 The Radical papers have published with sensational display, the pretended

notwithstanding the recent action in Cou-

Georgia; exact honesty and fidelity in Government officials; denounce monopolies as unjust and prejudicial to national progress; declare centralization and monopoly twin instruments of evil; that all contracts, bonds and securities should be taxed, and that debinot otherwise specified, should be paid in